



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Pulp and Paper Production (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Pulp and Paper Production (EPA ICR Number 1657.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0387), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2023. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on July 22, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0077, to EPA online using <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method), or by email to docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Muntasir Ali, Sector Policies and Program Division (D243-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-0833; email address: ali.muntasir@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or in person, at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Pulp and Paper Production (40 CFR part 63, subpart S) apply to both existing facilities and new facilities that produce pulp, paper, or paperboard by employing kraft, soda, sulfite, semi-chemical, or mechanical pulping processes using wood, or any process using secondary or non-wood fiber and that emits 10 tons per year or more of any hazardous air pollutant (HAP) or 25 tons per year or more of any combination of HAPs. Affected sources are all the HAP emission points in the pulping and bleaching system for mechanical pulping processes using wood and any process using secondary or non-wood fiber. In general, all NESHAP standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are

essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NESHAP.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Owners and operators of pulp and paper production facilities.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart S).

Estimated number of respondents: 104 (total).

Frequency of response: Semiannually.

Total estimated burden: 30,800 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated cost: \$4,470,000 (per year), which includes \$766,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: The decrease in burden from the most recently approved ICR is due to various adjustments. An adjustment decrease is due to a decrease in respondents and more accurate estimates of hours per occurrence that were used in the calculations supporting the prior renewal. The estimated number of respondents reflects Agency review of data collected from ECHO, the Agency's internal database of information collection responses from the pulp and paper industry, and current permits for identified facilities. The hours to read and understand rule requirements were decreased for this renewal, since the prior renewal supported rule amendments. There is also a decrease in Capital/Startup vs. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs due to a decrease in the number of respondents.

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